

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on August 20, 2018 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Doyle, Councilman  
Henry Freebern, Councilman  
William Haessly, Councilman  
Dan Washburn, Councilman  
Absent: Dana Hogan  
OTHERS PRESENT: Mary-Ellen Stockwell, Town Attorney  
Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer  
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent  
Jolene & Jerry Caruso, Town Residents

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Freebern and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Doyle.

The Board received a request from Justice Keenan to obtain authorization to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program for a parking lot for court clients. A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes authorizing Justice Keenan to apply for the grant and obtain quotes for the construction of a parking lot.

The Board would like to ensure that large scale solar arrays are properly decommissioned, disposed of, and the property is restored to its pre-existing condition. After discussion, a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to schedule a public hearing on September 17, 2018 at 7:05 PM to introduce a Local Law to amend certain sections of the Town of Kingsbury Zoning Local Law contained in Chapter 280 of the Code of the Town of Kingsbury.

The minutes of the August 6, 2018 Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

The Board received a draft of a proposed Solar Energy System PILOT Law. After reviewing the proposed law Councilman Haessly would like to include definitions of business owner, land owner SBL and default: and language regarding reasonable attorney fees; the Board was in agreement. Councilman Haessly would like to base the Solar Energy System PILOT Law on something other than assessed value. Councilman Doyle suggested possibly basing it on kilowatt hours generated by the proposed project. Councilman Doyle stated we are trying to establish the law so it works uniformly so the Town Board does not have to negotiate in every future project. Councilman Washburn stated we could go back and re-work the proposed law if it does not work out. The Board continued a discussion discussing alternatives to the proposed local law. Councilman Haessly stated if the Town Board adopts the proposed law they will not have a final say and will not have any negotiating power, which he feels is necessary. Councilman Washburn is comfortable with the proposed local law. The Board decided to table the proposed Local Law and have it go back to committee. The Town Attorney will review to see if there are any Local Laws which use something in the alternative as value and add definitions of business owner (company), land owner, SBL and language regarding attorney fees.

#### DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Todd Humiston reported after the workshop to re vamp the Dog Control Laws, the committee will re-schedule another workshop after referring to Ag & Markets with questions.

Saratoga County has proposed to start an animal abuse registry, Humiston is interested in seeing if it moves forward and how it works.

Humiston recently had a meeting with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner seeking funds for the Dog Safety Program. No funds were available, but he did receive a call from her office stating they were going to contact some local colleges to see if they could produce the books used in the program.

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Michael Graham reported the stainless steel box for the dump truck has arrived and is ready to be installed.

Ethan Hall has made changes to the plans for the parking lot for the Town Court as suggested by the Board at the last Board Meeting. Copies of the plans will be made and the Town will go out to bid.

#### SUPERVISOR REPORT:

A letter from Charter Communications (Spectrum) was received stating upcoming changes to the channel line-up for customers in New York.

#### WRITTEN REPORTS:

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the reports of certain officers for the month of July as follows:

Town Justice: Fees Collected \$19,481.00

Assessor: Sales Reports

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jolene Caruso thanked Highway Superintendent Michael Graham for a nice job on the mowing; it makes it much easier to see to get out of her driveway.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into an executive session at 7:58 to discuss pending litigation.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to exit the executive session at 8:10 PM.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk